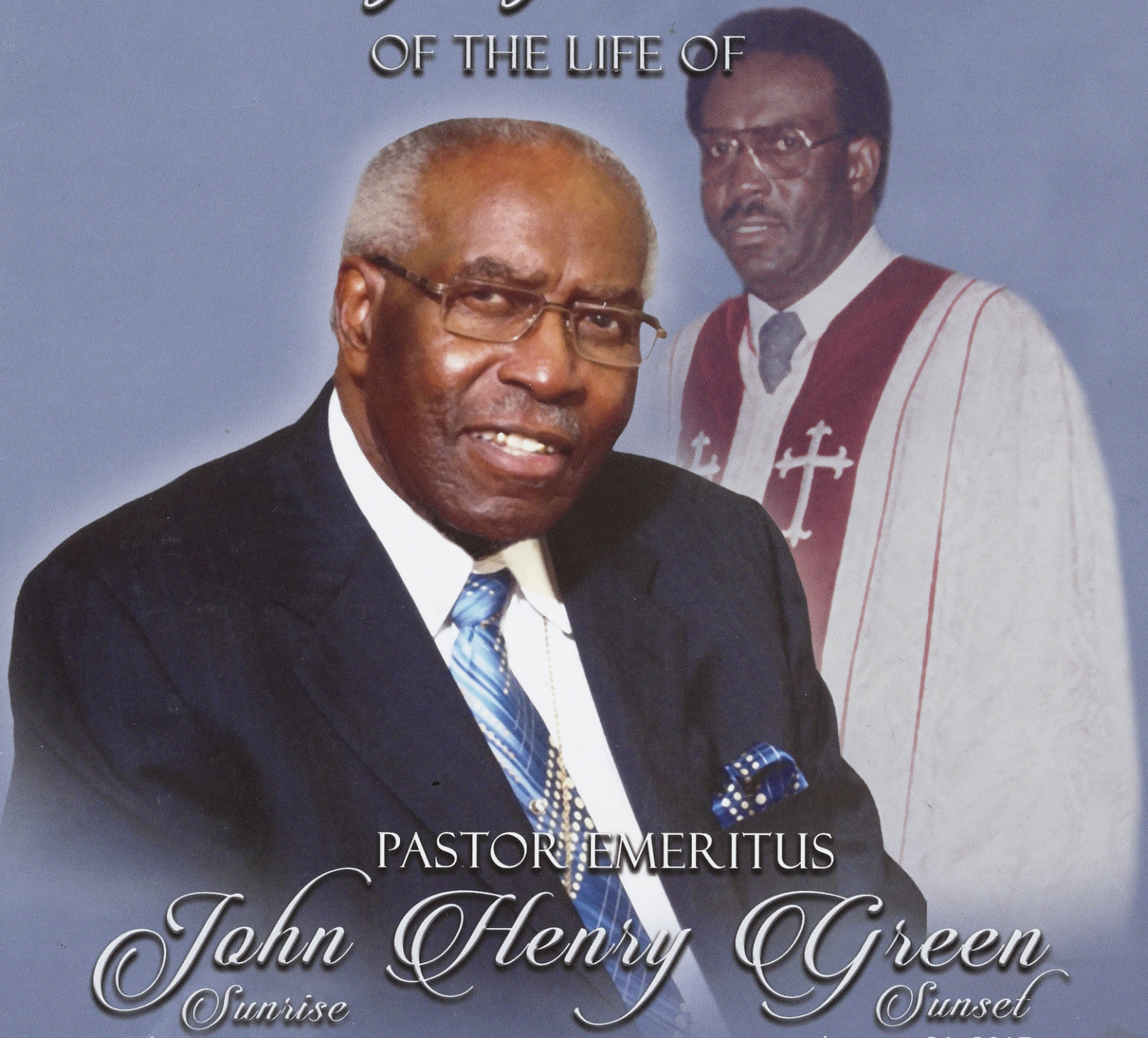
Homegoing Celebration

OF THE LIFE OF



PASTOR EMERITUS

John Henry Green

Sunrise
July 23, 1931

Sunset
January 31, 2017

SERVICES HELD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 ~ 7:00 PM
OFFICIATING: REV. GLEN E. WYATT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017 ~ 11:00AM
OFFICIATING: PASTOR CHARLES J. STEWART

ST LUKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
165 SOUTH 7TH STREET, RICHMOND, CA 94804

You are the Love of my life....

Honey,

After 60 years, you know I will miss you. I can't even express to you how much; I have no words. Our time together has been most rewarding. When we met again in San Francisco, it was love at first sight. After we married, the first thing you made sure of was that I knew the Lord. I told you I knew the Lord because I prayed for God to send me a great man, and that was you.

After we married, we would spend one weekend each month away from all our children. I loved that weekend alone with you. I will miss our trips to Clear Lake when we would go fishing on the boat for weeks at a time. Watching the bobber going down into the water was our favorite thing because we knew we had a "mule," that's what you called the fish when they were large. I miss those times with you.

I will forever cherish the memories of when St. Luke called you to be their pastor. GOD moved in our lives in a mighty way. I'll miss our early morning ride together to Sunday School. I will miss your preaching and teaching GOD's Word; and you sure could pray, Honey. I can hear you now praying to "The GOD of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the GOD who sees and knows all..." I can still hear you say "My, My, My" (smile). I will miss the sound of your your voice and laughter.

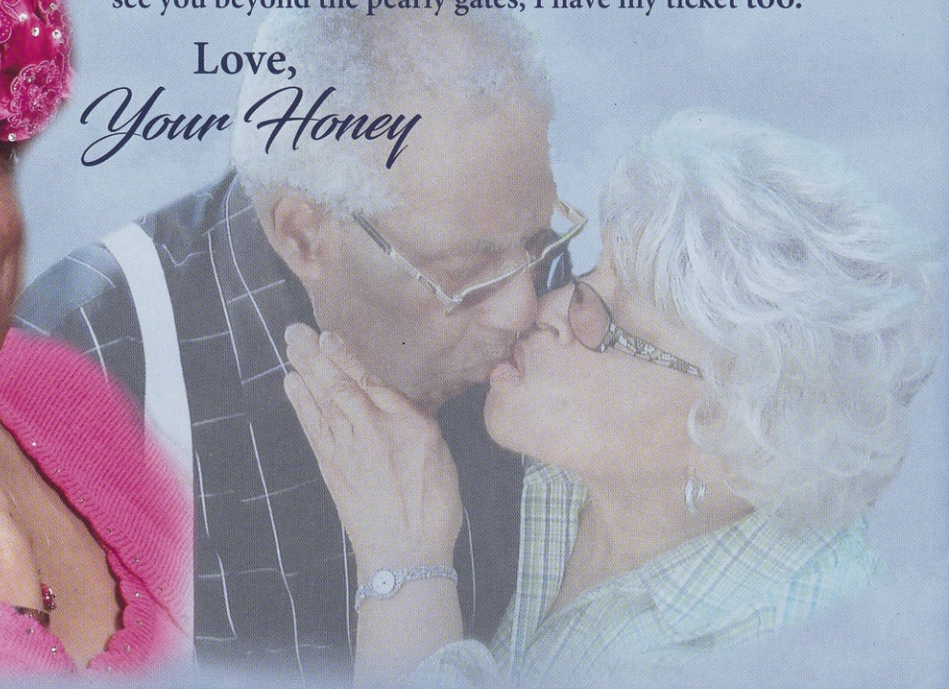
Thank you for taking care of our very large family and thank for making sure I had everything I needed.

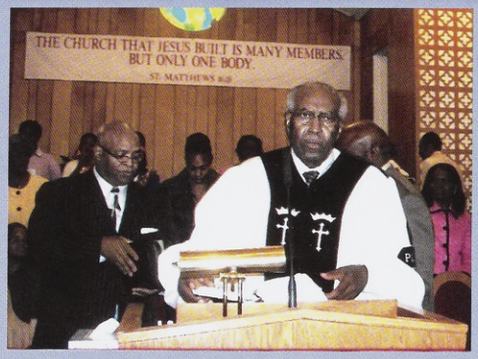
I Love you Honey! I will never forget how when I'd tell you "I love you", most often you would say "Honey, you don't know what love is." I knew that was your way of telling me how much you loved me. Thank you!

Honey, you fought a good fight. Now, you can rest in the arms of Jesus. I won't see you anymore in this life. But, I will surely see you beyond the pearly gates; I have my ticket too.

Love,

Your Honey

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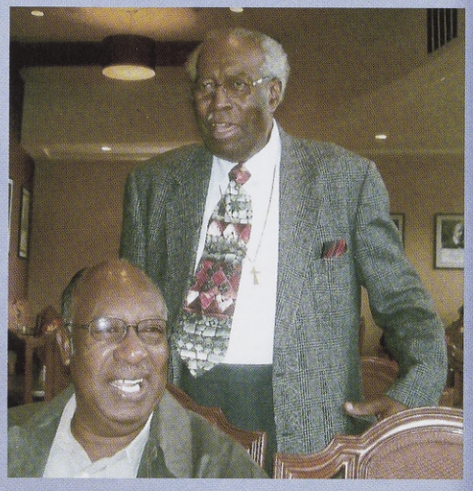

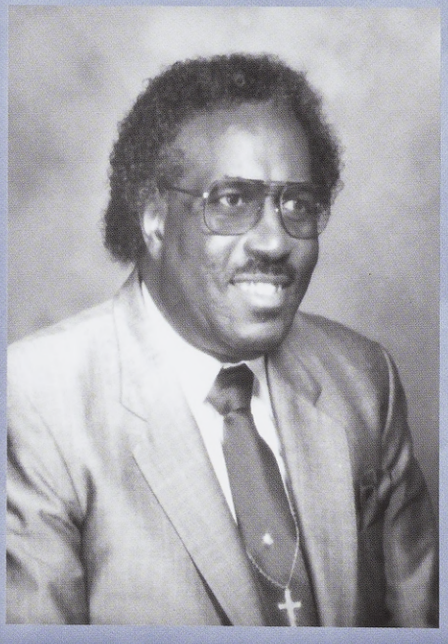

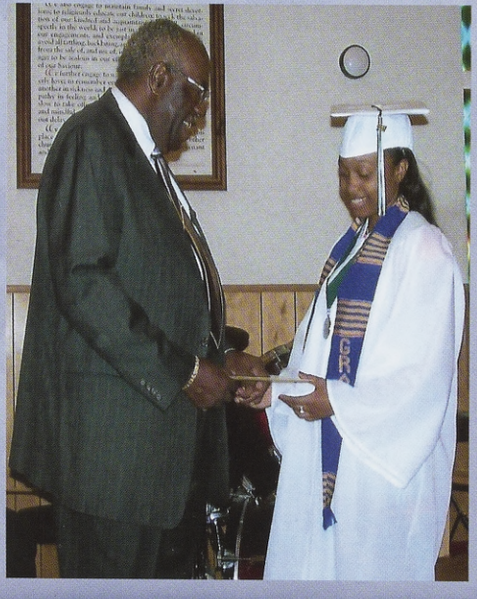

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John Henry Green

Thursday, February 9, 2017

~ Order of Service ~

Musical Prelude

Processional

Officiant ..... **Rev. Glen E. Wyatt, St Luke MBC**

Musical Selection ..... **Young Adult Choir**

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Job 14:1-14 ..... **Rev. Michael Mercadal, St Luke MBC**

New Testament Acts 20:19-38 .....**Pastor O'Neal Young, Jr., Living Waters BC**

Prayer ..... **Rev. Larry Wade, Zion Hill MBC**

Reflections by Young Adults ..... **(2 Minutes Please)**

Steven Parker ~ Denise Tucker ~ Lavian Coleman

Musical Selection ..... **Young Adult Choir**

Reflections by Church Auxiliaries ..... **(2 Minutes Please)**

Young Adults ..... **Rev. Glen E. Wyatt**

Youth Department ..... **Sis.. Sharron Scoggins**

Wilbur F. Crayton Scholarship Fund ..... **Sis. Karen Moore**

Ushers and Nurses ..... **Sis. Velva Cornelious**

Musical Selection ..... **Young Adult Choir**

Christian Education Department ..... **Sis. Joyce Jones**

Layman's Department ..... **Bro. Ronald Johnson**

Speaker for Ministers ..... **Pastor Dwayne Fisher, Galilee MBC**

Tribute from Oldest Granddaughter ..... **Sis. Antoinette Davenport**

Solo ..... **("Father, I Stretch My Hand to Thee")** ..... **Sandra Washington**

Solid Rock Cathedral of Faith

Sermon ..... **Pastor Charles J. Stewart**

Parting View ..... **Fuller Funeral Home Staff**

Recessional

The Life of John Henry Green

When this life of labor has ended, and the reward of the race you have run, the sweet rest prepared for the faithful, will be HIS blessed and final well done.

Pastor Emeritus John Henry Green was born on July 23, 1931 in Magnolia, Mississippi to parents Willie and Ada Mae Green. He is the oldest of seven siblings. While growing up in Magnolia, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was eight years old when he accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior at the Sherman Line Missionary Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. George Holden. While at Sherman Line MBC, he sang in the choir, and especially enjoyed attending Sunday School and working in the CBS Society (Youth Department).

In 1953, the young Bro. Green relocated from New Orleans, Louisiana to San Francisco, California where he met and married the love of his life, Otheree Carroll, a native of McComb, Mississippi, in 1957.

Bro. Green fellowshipped with several churches until he was led to join the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Oakland, CA in 1954, where Rev. J.L. Thomas was pastor. After Rev. Thomas passed away, Rev. Robert T. George was elected as pastor of Antioch, MBC. It was there that Bro. Green was appointed a Deacon, and then served diligently as the Chairman of the Deacon's Board. In addition, he served as a Sunday School teacher, and was a faithful member of the choir—oh how he loved to sing!

A Pastor Called

In 1965, a pivotal shift occurred in Deacon Green's life while under the leadership of Pastor R.T. George—he acknowledged and accepted the call to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From that point on, Rev. Green was committed to study to show himself approved unto God, while allowing the Holy Spirit to nurture his spiritual growth in the Lord.

In 1975, Rev. Green was elected as Pastor of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Richmond, CA. At the very beginning of his tenure as pastor, he instituted what became the Church Aim: "Lord Make Us One" (St. John 17:21). For 35 years, on the first Sunday of each new year, he compelled God's people to be "one" as Jesus Christ and God the Father are One.

A Pastor Involved

Early in his ministry, Pastor Green adopted the motto, "Lead by example." He encouraged the members of the congregation to work outside the walls of the church, just as he did.

Pastor Green was an active member of the Progressive District Association under the leadership of the late Pastor A. H. Newman of Richmond, CA and the late Pastor Raymond Howard of San Francisco, CA. He was also an active member of the California State Baptist Convention under the leadership of Pastor Ephraim Williams, of Sacramento, CA.

He was a lifetime member of the NAACP. Pastor received a host of awards and proclamations for his achievements from political leaders such as former President Barack Obama, former Congressman George Miller, and former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Pastor Green was often called upon for guidance and direction from many churches that were without a pastor. During one season, he was called upon to assist three different churches at the same time, while pastoring St. Luke.

A Pastor Who Made a Difference

By precept and example, Pastor Green taught the congregation the importance of giving tithes and offerings by implementing the biblical principal, "Cheerful or Not At All" (2 Cor 9:7). He personally demonstrated this principle by giving the children of St. Luke money every 3rd Sunday, thus teaching them the benefits of cheerful and consistent giving. Following God's plan for giving resulted in the burning of the church mortgage, and St. Luke becoming a debt-free church!

Pastor Green continued to make a difference by establishing the New Members Orientation Class and the Phase 2 Christian Living class. He then developed and implemented the Christian Education Department, ensuring that the entire membership was properly trained and equipped in each ministry. He spearheaded the revitalization of the Youth Department by ministering to youth spiritually and emotionally. He also initiated many youth programs and athletic activities which substantially increased youth membership at St. Luke.

His further accomplishments include the organization of various church auxiliaries, such as the Men's Chorus, the Business and Professional Circle, and the Deaconess and Mother's Board. Pastor Green also established the 80's Club, enabling members age 80 and above the opportunity to socialize at various venues.

Pastor Green established in-house missionaries to follow up on those who were sick or shut in. He and his leadership staff improved church aesthetics through renovations and upgrades, including improving accessibility for the disabled at the church, as well as in their own homes.

He established teen summits and various support groups for battered women, abused seniors, misguided youth, and those infected with HIV/AIDS and other terminal illnesses. In order to assist students with financing their college education, he established the Wilbur F. Crayton Scholarship Fund.

During his 35 years of pastoral service, Pastor Green was also a major advocate for the Richmond community. He often collaborated with the Richmond Police Department and city officials to reduce crime, with the intent to improve the health of the neighborhood. On any given occasion, you may see Pastor canvasing the neighborhood witnessing and encouraging community members to take responsibility for their own life and the lives of their family. His compassionate heart was seen in his unselfish giving to those in need, ministering to the sick and shut-in, and bereaved families.

Most notable, ordained under Pastor's leadership were 7 Deacons and 16 ministers, of which 11 became pastors of various churches throughout California.

A Pastor of Principle

Pastor Green is most recognized as being a man of principle who preached the uncompromising Gospel of Jesus Christ. He referred to himself as "just the mailman." This mailman led many souls to accept the plan of salvation.

He was kind, caring, funny, witty and had a great sense of humor. His favorite hobbies were camping, fishing, and boating. But most of all, he was a man worthy of double honor (1 Tim 5:17). St. Matthew 7:20 says,

"Therefore by their fruits you will know them." Pastor's fruits were evident. He did not compromise the Word of God. He taught the men of the church to love and cherish their wives, and to take their rightful place in their families.

He taught the young men to honor and respect their elders, and to pull their pants up! He taught the young women to respect themselves, and that it is was not necessary to deface their bodies with tattoos and excessive piercing. He reminded them that they are "somebody" and compelled them to not allow anyone treat them with disrespect. He taught the unmarried that marriage is honorable and that "shacking up" was wrong. Often he declared, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

The principle that Pastor Green is most known for is, "Aim for the stars; if you fall on the moon you're still on high ground!" Thank God for a pastor who stood on a solid foundation! No matter what others were doing, he stood firm on the Word of God as the only guide through life.

Pastor Green was known for his unselfishness, willingness, and availability to help all who sought spiritual leadership and counseling. The depth of his God-given wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the Bible enabled him to minister to many in ministry, and to give counsel, strengthen and support their work as well.

A Pastor in Transition

In early 2010, Pastor Green received a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. He began to seek the Lord's will concerning the fate of his pastorate, and did so continuously, until he received final confirmation in his spirit that the Lord had given him His divine approval to step down from public ministry. When the Lord released him to share the news with the St. Luke family, he declared that he wasn't "retiring" from ministry, but would be preaching his final sermon as pastor in the very near future.

As a part of his preparation to transition from the pastorate, not only did he seek the Lord's counsel for his own next steps, but also as to who would succeed him in pastoring St. Luke. Just as the Lord spoke to Moses and revealed Joshua as his successor, the Lord spoke to Pastor Green and revealed who his successor would be—Rev. Charles J. Stewart. When he announced who the Lord had chosen to succeed him, without hesitation, the church responded with joy, and unanimously accepted Pastor Green's recommendation for Rev. Stewart to become St. Luke's next pastor.

On Sunday, July 25, 2010, as he preached his last sermon in the pulpit that had become more like his second home, Pastor Green shared his heart with his beloved congregation: "This is one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. I don't know if I will ever become totally adjusted to not being the pastor of St. Luke. Remember, I wasn't voted out! It was a decision made by the Lord; mine was only to listen and obey." And that he did, until the very end.

A Pastor Cherished

Pastor Green was called home to be with the Lord on January 31, 2017. Preceded in death were his parents Willie and Ada Mae Green; 2 siblings George Green and Wilma Mae Patterson; and lifelong friends Pastor J.D. Wihite of the St. Stephens MBC, and Deacons' Willie Washington and Rafe Taylor, Sr. of Antioch MBC.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and dedicated wife of almost 60 years, Mother Otheree Green; 6 children: George Green, Gale Bradley, Pastor Andre' Green, Cheryl Green, Sandra Washington, and Aretha Scruggs. 3 sons-in-law: Rev. Renaldo Bradley, Rev. Delavago Scruggs, and Deacon Abb Washington Jr.;

1 daughter-in-law: Dianne Green; 15 grandchildren: Antoinette, Aaron (Nicole), Jenell (Mustafa), Min. Douglas Wisdom, Lejerr, Zundra, Zanedra, Zakeadra, Jonothan, Isaiah, Maiah, and Joelle; 7 great-grandchildren: Deja, Christopher, Imani, Israel, Leah, Marshea, Robert, and Rae; 1 canine granddaughter: Pokahantus; 4 siblings: Willie Pearl Hurst, Hilda Mae Williams, Marguerite Turner, and Juanita Johnson; special God-daughters LaTasha Nelson and Teresa Hewitt; the St. Luke family and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

"The Church that Jesus built is many members, but only one body"

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John Henry Green

Friday, February 10, 2017
~ 11:00 am ~
Musical Prelude
Processional

Musical Selection ..... *("Every Praise")* ..... Pastor André T. Green

Officiant ..... Pastor Charles J. Stewart, St Luke MBC

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Job 14:1-14 ..... Pastor Curtis O. Robinson, Faith BC

New Testament I Cor. 9:19-27 ..... Rev. Renaldo Bradley, St Luke MBC

Prayer ..... Pastor Bryant C. Wyatt
Mt Calvary MBC, Sacramento, CA

Congregational Selection *("Amazing Grace")* ..... Pastor Charles J. Stewart

Cards/Acknowledgements / Resolutions..... Sis. Jacqueline Baten

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Musical Selection ..... *("God Made Me")*..... Combined Choirs
St Luke MBC and Mt. Carmel MBC

Reflections

California State Baptist Convention ..... Pastor Henry L. Perkins, President
First Baptist Church, Pittsburg, CA

Progressive District Association ..... Bro. Jimmy Stuart, President
Bethlehem MBC

City Official ..... Jim McMillian

Primary Care Physician ..... Dr. Samuel Dong, MD

Musical Selection ..... *("They Got the Word")* ..... Combined Choirs

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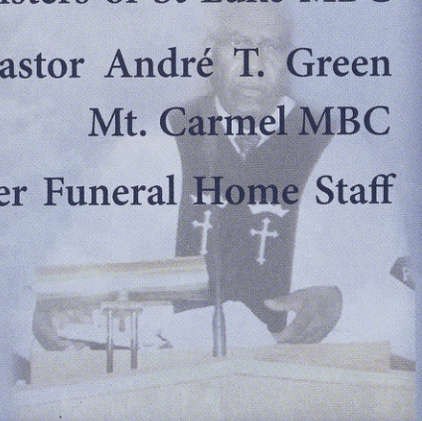
Reflections by Church Auxiliaries

General Church	Deacon Albert Nealy
Deacons & Trustees	Deacon Willie Brackens
Sunday School	Sis. Rischa Johnson
Deaconess & Mother's Board	Sis. Linda Proctor
Mission Department	Sis. Thelma Watson
Voices of St Luke	Sis. Francina Davis
Musical Selection *("Fully Committed")*	Combined Choirs
Tribute from a Friend	Pastor Otha Johnson, Rock of Ages MBC
Speaker for Ministers	Pastor Ulis G. Redic, Mt. Zion BC
Special Tribute	Bishop Sean Teal, New Hope MBC
Tribute from the Family	Aretha Scruggs, Youngest Daughter
Musical Selection *("Rise Up and Walk")*	Ministers of St Luke MBC
Eulogy	Pastor André T. Green Mt. Carmel MBC
Parting View	Fuller Funeral Home Staff

Recessional

Lord, make us one

John 17:21



Mother and Siblings
of
Pastor Emeritus John H. Green

In Loving Tribute .....

Johnny,
I will miss: taking care of you, holding hands, our laughter, our songs, and my life lessons. You taught me that real happiness and security can only be found in my relationship with GOD. I'll see you again… get ready to "Pucker Up" for me! I will miss you, my Johnny…
Love, your daughter, Cheryl…
"The Only One that
Could Call You JOHNNY"

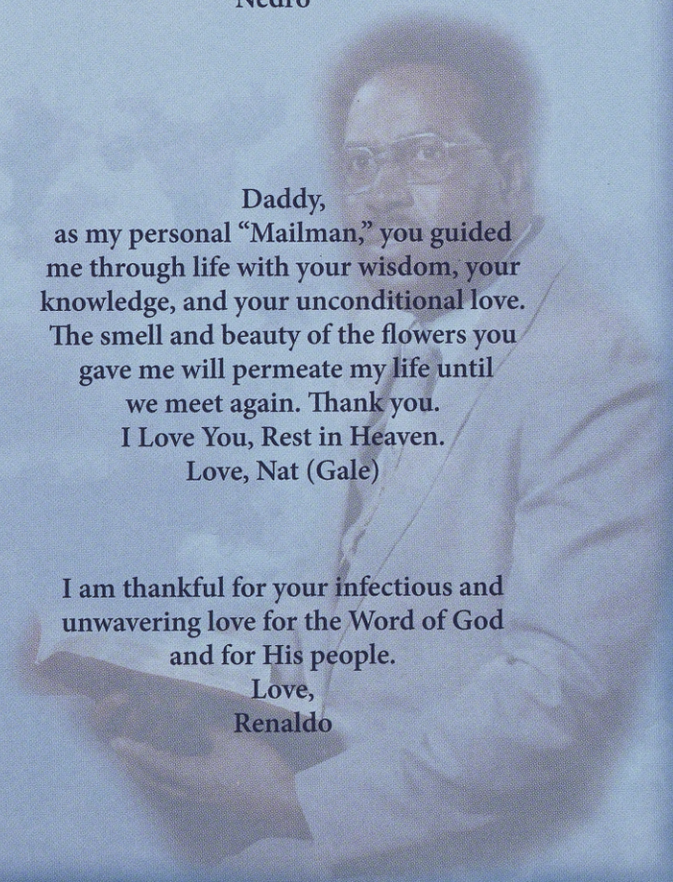
Papa,
thank you for all you have been to our family. You have touched so many lives and been a good vessel leading others to Christ. Thank you for showing us what strength looks like, for being inspirational and encouraging, and for just being you.
We will truly miss you
and always love you.
Love, "your oldest grand"
Toni

So many great things I could say. You were the most generous and loving person I have known. Some people are generous but not loving, and vice versa. You were both in an excellent way. From the first time I you, you would always say, "Son, I'm going to give it to you straight. I'm just the mailman."
Daddy, I salute you, and will always love you.
Take your rest.
Love, Delavago

Pops,
thank you for the love that you showed me through the years. A lot of times I thought you were too tough on Andre and me, but it made us the men we are today. I'm going to miss you, but I thank God for bringing you into my life.
Love, George

Daddy,
although my heart hurts and my soul misses you deeply, my spirit rejoices in knowing that you are now resting from your labor. As you hear Our Heavenly Father declare over you, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant," I pray that you'll also hear your baby girl's eternal whisper to you:
"Well done, Daddy, well done...
now rest well until we meet again!"
Love, Moody (Aretha)

Papa,
I could count on you to tell it to me straight every time. You made sure I knew what to expect from a man. Almost every time you saw me, you'd say how beautiful I was, and if you were my age, you'd blow my mind, lol. I'll be sure to let my children, and my grandchildren and beyond know who you are and what you've instilled in me. I gave you your flowers; now you're present with the Lord and nobody's mad but the devil!
Love you so much and more,
Nedro



Daddy,
as my personal "Mailman," you guided me through life with your wisdom, your knowledge, and your unconditional love. The smell and beauty of the flowers you gave me will permeate my life until we meet again. Thank you.
I Love You, Rest in Heaven.
Love, Nat (Gale)

I am thankful for your infectious and unwavering love for the Word of God and for His people.
Love,
Renaldo

The Family of
Pastor Emeritus John H. Green

In Loving Tribute .....

Papa,
I really miss you. You meant a lot
to me but I know you're in a better place
watching over all of us.
Love,
Isaiah

Dad,
when I fell, hitting rock bottom as a
young woman, instead of casting me aside, you
took me into your arms, prayed for me, and told
me you loved me. This is when I really understood
what mercy and unconditional love really was.
That same night, I was healed and set free.
I Love You Dad.
Yes, my, my, my, you were right…
I am you.
Love,
San

The Bible speaks of Solomon,
who was the wisest man that ever lived.
There was another man, Pastor Emeritus
John H. Green, my father-in-law, who was
the wisest man that lived during our time.
You were a man of love and kindness,
and rich in every aspect of your life. I am
truly thankful for the opportunity to have
worked with you. I will miss you.
Your spirit will live on forever in my heart.
Love,
Dianne

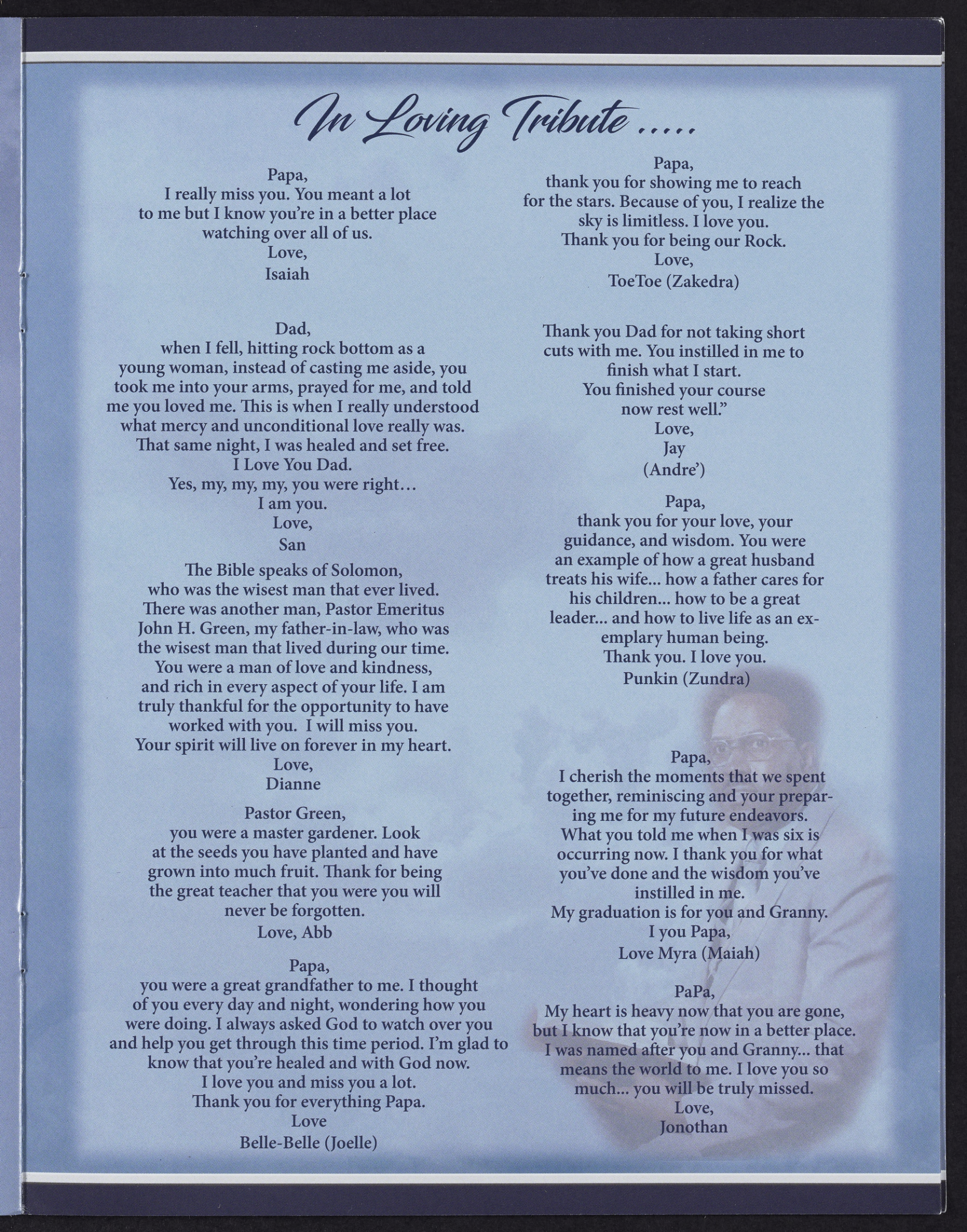
Pastor Green,
you were a master gardener. Look
at the seeds you have planted and have
grown into much fruit. Thank for being
the great teacher that you were you will
never be forgotten.
Love, Abb

Papa,
you were a great grandfather to me. I thought
of you every day and night, wondering how you
were doing. I always asked God to watch over you
and help you get through this time period. I'm glad to
know that you're healed and with God now.
I love you and miss you a lot.
Thank you for everything Papa.
Love
Belle-Belle (Joelle)

Papa,
thank you for showing me to reach
for the stars. Because of you, I realize the
sky is limitless. I love you.
Thank you for being our Rock.
Love,
ToeToe (Zakedra)

Thank you Dad for not taking short
cuts with me. You instilled in me to
finish what I start.
You finished your course
now rest well."
Love,
Jay
(Andre')

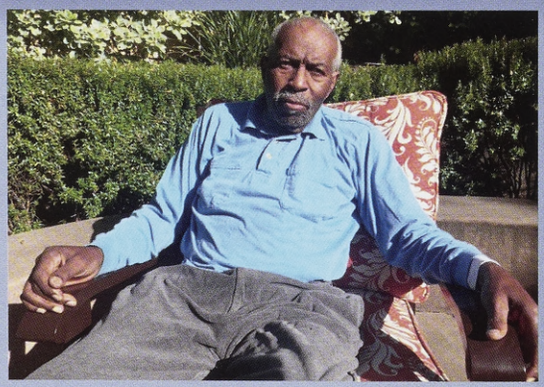
Papa,
thank you for your love, your
guidance, and wisdom. You were
an example of how a great husband
treats his wife... how a father cares for
his children... how to be a great
leader... and how to live life as an ex-
emplary human being.
Thank you. I love you.
Punkin (Zundra)

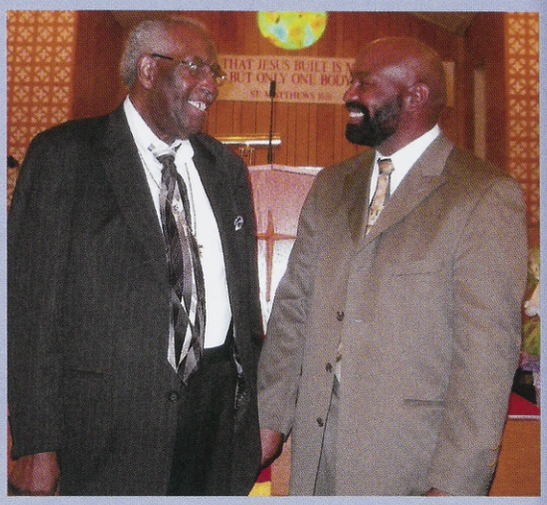


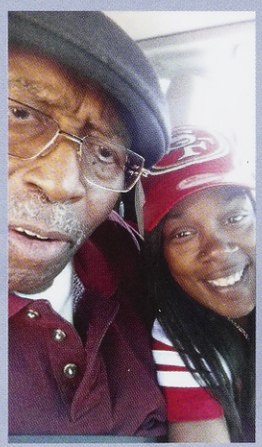
Papa,
I cherish the moments that we spent
together, reminiscing and your prepar-
ing me for my future endeavors.
What you told me when I was six is
occurring now. I thank you for what
you've done and the wisdom you've
instilled in me.
My graduation is for you and Granny.
I you Papa,
Love Myra (Maiah)

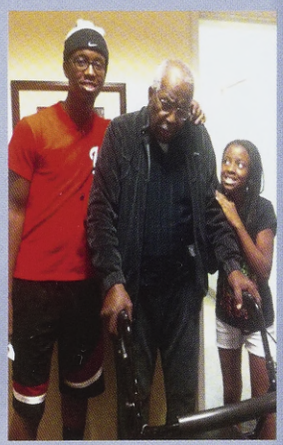
PaPa,
My heart is heavy now that you are gone,
but I know that you're now in a better place.
I was named after you and Granny... that
means the world to me. I love you so
much... you will be truly missed.
Love,
Jonothan

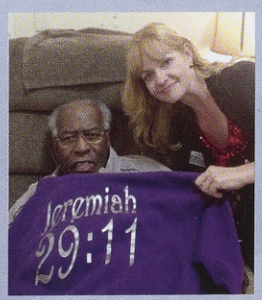
Pastor Emeritus John H. Green
and
The Sons of St Luke







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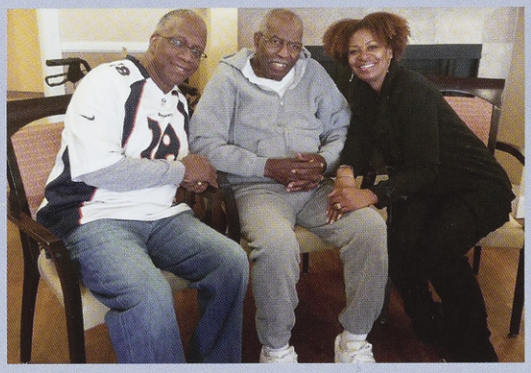

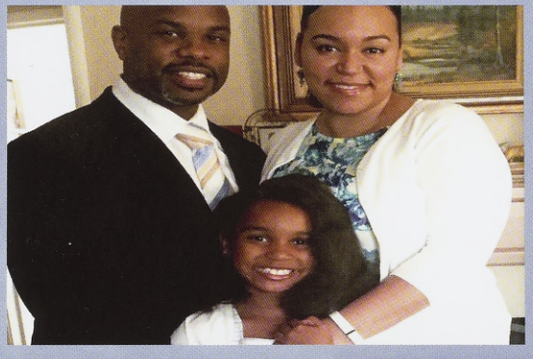

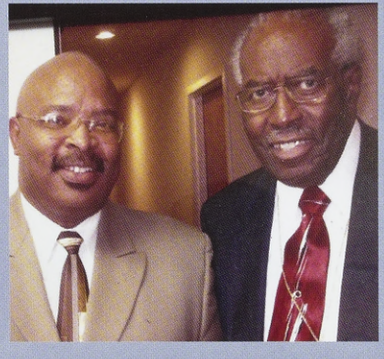

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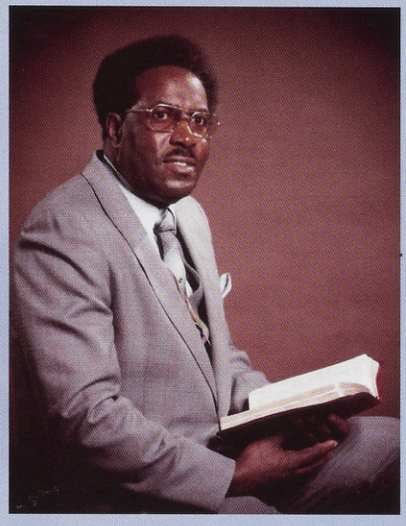

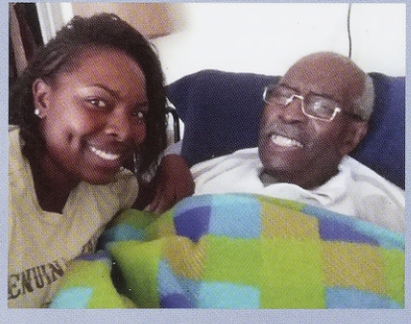

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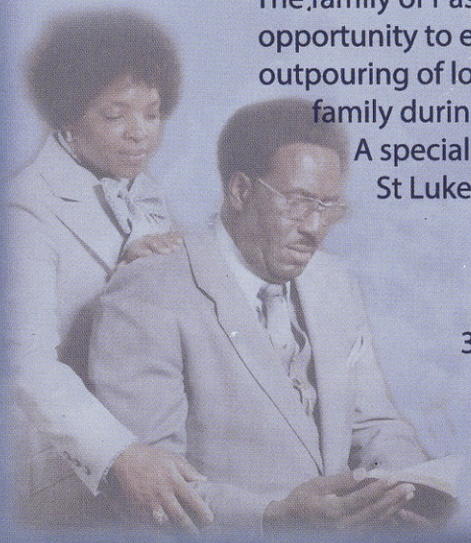

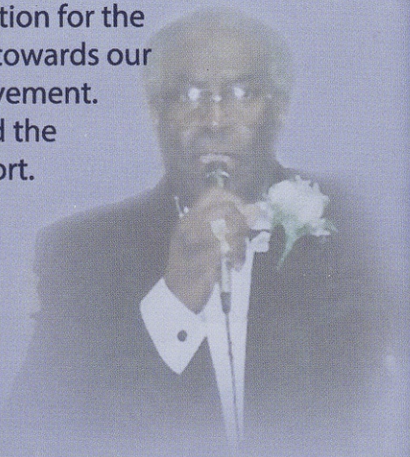

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